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For: MUSIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS )

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add new claims 52-97 as follows:

- 52. (NEW) A method of distributing encrypted digital media content, comprising:  
    receiving the encrypted digital media content;  
    decrypting the digital media content;  
    modifying a portion of the decrypted digital media content to include an ID tag  
        which identifies the location at which the media content was received;  
    outputting the modified digital media content; and  
    transmitting an indication of the outputting.

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